GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR DAL LAKE
PATY RIPPLE KYNDIAH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government`s attention has been drawn to the news report captioned `Funds for Dal Lake vanish` appearing in theDelhi edition of the Times of India dated February 6th, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government on the reported embezzlement of the Central grant given to the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir for cleaning up the famous Dal Lake; and

(d) the action Government propose to take in the matter ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Planning Commission has allocated Rs.102.43 croresso far for the renovation of Dal Lake. According to Planning Commission, no utilization certificates have been received so far. The Government of Jammu & Kashmir has reported that sofar 17 officers have been placed under arrest after investigations by the State Vigilance Organization. To the extent that funds released by Government of India get diverted, recoveries are effected from the State according to Planning Commission instructions.